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In re Application of: Zukor et al.

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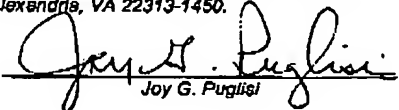
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of June 7, 2005.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Claims 1-35 were rejected in an Office Action dated June 7, 2005. Specifically, Claims 1, 2, 4-15 17-32 and 35 were rejected under U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by either Rauter, Seibert et al., Mashiko et al., or Closkey.

Claims 3 and 34 were rejected U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by either Rauter, Seibert et al., or Closkey.

In response to the Office Action, please consider the remarks provided herein.